(b) Rs. 277.93 crores have been realised upto 30.6.2003.

(c) Besides the regular penal actions as provided in the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the following additional steps have also been taken for recovery of outstanding dues, so that interests of the affected employees are protected :

(i) Representations in courts have been strengthened to get stay orders and counter writ-petitions filed.

(ii) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund has approved setting up of a separate Directorate of Recovery to monitor and co-ordinate recovery work including closer coordination with B.I.F.R., Standing Counsel of the Organisation etc.

Census of Child Labour

2037. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey or census about the child labour languishing in the slums of Hyderabad and other Urban areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action plan Government have to educate and rehabilitate these child labourers of the State;

(d) whether any external funding is being extended in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National productivity growth rate

2038. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national productivity growth rate is stuck at just 4.3 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering to rationalise holidays and adhere to the recommendations made by the Labour Commission and the Parliamentary Standing Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The growth rate in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2002-03 at constant (1993-94) prices declined to 4.3% mainly on account of negative growth rate of 3.2 per cent in the GDP of "Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing" Sector, which in turn is on account of the drought conditions that prevailed during the year.

(c) and (d) The 2nd National Commission on Labour has made recommendations to review the Government Policy on public holidays, which is generally followed by public sector, banks/financial institutions, educational institutions etc. The holiday policy in respect of the Central Government offices is under review. However it is not possible to indicate any time frame.

Creation of jobs and boosting economy

2039. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether report presented by the All India Management Association to the Prime Minister in the month of April, 2003, suggested a blue print for action to create 40 million jobs annually by 2020 and boost GDP upto $ 200 billion;

(b) if so, what are the other facts of the report;

(c) whether Prime Minister has asked experts to examine the same; and

(d) if so, what are the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) As intimated by Finance Ministry, it is understood from PMO that, a Report was prepared under